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Status of the Claims

Claims 41-52 are pending herein, claims 41, 46 and 50 being the independent claims.

Remarks

Independent claims 41 and 46 have been amended to recite a "system-generated delay" instead of a "system-imposed-delay." Likewise, independent claim 50 has been amended to recite a "processor-generated delay" instead of a "processor-imposed delay." This recitation more clearly points out that the system (or the processor) does not merely impose a delay that originates from an external source (e.g., the operator), but that it is the system (or processor) itself that generates the delay. In the particular embodiment of the invention depicted in FIG 1 of the specification, video storage and delay device 150 both generates and imposes the "system-generated delay." The video storage delay device 150 is discussed, for example, in paragraph 34 of the specification.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) - Claims 41-52

Claims 41-52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gammenthaler (US 2004/0201765). This rejection is hereby traversed for the following reasons.

In the Office Action the Examiner appears to be taking the position that the delay that is imposed by the Gammenthaler system originates with the operator. Under this interpretation the system merely imposes (i.e., conveys or transfers) a delay that arises because the operator presumably activates the recording device 52 at some time after the video is captured by the video camera 10. However, the amended claims now clearly point out that the delay is actually generated by the system (or processor) itself; the operator is not involved.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes there are still unresolved issues, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcomed.

Fees

The \$230 extension fee, and any additional fees that may be due and owing in respect to this amendment, may be charged to the undersigned attorney's PTO Deposit Account number 50-1047.

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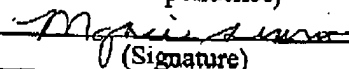
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